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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- [X] Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- [X] Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
- [X] Petition for Five-Month Extension of Time;
- [X] Check No. 13933 in the amount of \$870.00 (\$740.00 for basic filing fee and \$130.00 for surcharge);
- [X] Check No. 13934 in the amount of \$1960.00 for extension of time fee; and
- [X] Return Postcard.

If the amount of any of the checks is insufficient or in excess, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit the balance due to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 17549-118. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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# RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice To File Missing Parts mailed February 6, 2002, Applicants submit herein two checks: (1) in the amount of \$870.00, which includes \$740.00 for filing fee; \$130.00 to cover missing parts surcharge; and (2) in the amount of \$1960.00 for a five-month extension of time.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

#### Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below. however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$870.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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